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1. TEXT OF LETTER DATED AUGUST 20 FROM SECRETARY SHULTZ
TO MINISTER GISCARD D'ESTAING FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. MINISTER:

AS AMBASSADOR IRWIN HAS INFORMED YOU, THE UNITED
STATES GOVERNMENT AND PRESIDENT NIXON PERSONALLY PLACE
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GREAT IMPORTANCE ON EUROPEAN PARTICIPATION IN THE

EXPOSITION ON THE ENVIRONMENT WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN SPOKANE, WASHINGTON FROM MAY TO OCTOBER 1974. THIS IS THE ONLY INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION SCHEDULED IN OUR COUNTRY DURING THE 1970'S. WE BELIEVE THAT A POSITIVE DECISION BY THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT WOULD GO FAR IN PERSUADING OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES TO TAKE PART.

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE FINAL DECISION ON THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT'S PARTICIPATION RESTS WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE. THE SPONSORS OF THE EXPOSITION HAVE INFORMED ME THAT AN OUTLAY OF AS LITTLE AS \$35,000. WOULD MEET THE BASIC RENTAL COST OF A FRENCH EXHIBITION IN A MULTINATIONAL PAVILLION. I SHOULD LIKE TO ADD MY VOICE

TO THOSE OF AMBASSADOR IRWIN AND COMMISSIONER GENERAL HENDERSON, WHOM I UNDERSTAND YOU TALKED WITH RECENTLY, URGING THAT YOU APPROVE THE FUNDS NEEDED TO PERMIT FRANCE TO TAKE PART IN THIS EXPOSITION.

WITH BEST REGARDS.

SINCERELY,

GEORGE P. SHULTZ END TEXT.

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